EPA's Proposed Outreach Plan Per the Request of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Leadership Regarding the EPA Draft Permits for the Dewey-Burdock Uranium In-Situ Recovery Project

Individual Meetings between Tribal Stakeholders and EPA Staff

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Benefits of Issuing Draft Permit Before Open House/Public Hearing:

- A community outreach meeting before the draft permits are issued will lack substance.
- Issuing the draft permits opens the discussion of the full scope of EPA's actions.
- $\bullet \quad \text{A meeting after the draft permits are issued would attain meaningful communication.} \\$
- A meeting after the draft permits are issued will allow the Tribal community to offer well-informed comments at the public hearing immediately following the community outreach session, while the information is fresh in everyone's mind.
- A meeting followed by the public hearing allows the opportunity for comments to become part of the official record of decision.
- Public hearings are one of the opportunities for the Tribal community to comment on the proposed permits. Public hearings do not
 allow the public to ask questions and receive answers from the EPA. The meeting prior to the public hearing would allow for this twoway communication.

